

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a member of the family of proteins known as ADAMTS proteins, the new member being designated ADAMTS-M. The invention also relates to polynucleotides encoding ADAMTS-M, antibodies to ADAMTS-M, assays for  
5 studying the function of ADAMTS-M, assays for determining agonists or antagonists of ADAMTS-M, and to the use of ADAMTS-M polypeptides or polynucleotides in diagnostic, biotherapeutic, or gene therapy methods.

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